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Leading up to Wednesday's U.N. Security Council meeting regarding Iraq, the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** released a statement today.

The commission stated that the "recent upsurge in attacks against Christians" is a clear indication that "the country's most vulnerable religious minorities remain in peril."

They "face targeted violence, including murders and attacks on their places of worship and religious leaders, intimidation, and forced displacement; they also experience discrimination, marginalization, and neglect."